

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion regarding allowable subject matter.

Claims 2 and 3 are amended for consistency with claim 1.

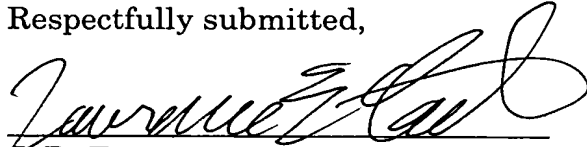
The rejection of claims 1 – 6 under 35 USC 102(b) over Hovey et al., US Patent 4,043,647, is respectfully traversed. The claimed invention requires a photochromic synthetic resin object that exhibits a transmission of from 5% to 30% at each wavelength in the visible wavelength range from 380 nm to 500 nm when at least one photochromic dye is in a lightened state. By contrast, in Figure 3 of Hovey et al., the residual transmission in the range between 450 nm and 500 nm is virtually zero. Thus, Hovey et al. fails to describe or suggest all of the limitations of the claimed invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt, favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #100341.50826).

Respectfully submitted,

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